

American Energy For America's Future, the bipartisan DRIVE Act, Dependence Reduction through Innovation in Vehicles and Energy Act. By the way, driving that SUV does not make you safer. Look at the fatality statistics. They are higher in the SUV than the family car. Because they turn over so easily, the actual fatality figures are higher for the SUV than they are for the standard family car. You don't need to be in an SUV to be safer.

Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that Americans will really rally to this challenge. As I have said, there is no exhilaration like the exhilaration of meeting and overcoming a big challenge, and boy, this is a huge challenge. And I think properly motivated, the American people will turn to and demonstrate to the world that we are still the most creative, innovative society in the world. I think we can again become an exporting Nation.

There is going to be a lot of technology associated with moving to these sustainable alternatives. Who better than we to develop those technologies. And let's sell them to the world. Let's not turn over the manufacture of these technologies to somebody overseas, let's sell them to the world.

There are two reasons for doing this. One is that if we are going to maintain anything like the quality of life we have now, we really need to do this. And the other thing is there is going to be a mad global scramble for energy. If we haven't led the way, if somebody hasn't led the way to move us to renewables, what will the world do when we come to the reality that there just isn't going to be enough oil there?

Just one little note in closing. We need to rethink a lot of things. Our whole financial structure needs to be rethought. If you think about our financial structure, and I am not an economist, I don't think you have to be an economist to understand obvious things. When we put more money in circulation, it is printed by the Feds. And they put it into the circulation by loaning it to somebody. Now, if there are only two of us in the world, and I borrow money and I have to pay interest on it, one of two things has to happen, either there has to be growth so that I have the money to pay the interest with, or you, if you are the only other guy in the world, you have to lose money. So I have some of your money so that I can pay interest on the money that I borrowed. That's why we start to shudder about the economy when it drops below 2 percent growth. Because we can't imagine an economy that doesn't include growth because our whole financial system is predicated on growth. We have got to have growth.

Now, we can have growth without using more energy if we become more efficient. That's a challenge. So we still can grow some. But that is not limitless growth because that you can't be infinitely efficient. So we will have to, one day, sooner or later, come to the realization that we've got to have a financial system that doesn't require growth. But we can do that.

We have met a whole lot of challenges in the past and done very well with overcoming. And Mr. Speaker, I am very encouraged that with proper leadership, and you know, I will tell you, we don't have much oil in this country, but we have even less real leadership on energy. But with responsible leadership in this country, I think that Americans will heed to, and we will surprise the world with what we can do in meeting the challenges of peak oil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GUTIERREZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of family illness.

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of unexpected family medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KING of Iowa) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, June 21 and 22.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, June 21 and 22.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 18, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2224. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Foramsulfuron; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0880; FRL-8125-5] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2225. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flufenacet; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0965; FRL-8124-2] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2226. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0237] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2227. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0535; FRL-8127-2] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2228. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus thuringiensis* Vip3Aa19 Protein in Cotton; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0913; FRL-8124-6] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2229. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds; Toxic Equivalency Information; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemicals Release Reporting [EPA-HQ-TRI-2002-0001; FRL-8311-6] (RIN: 2025-AA12) received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2230. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas from Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Washington County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0892; FRL-8313-1] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2231. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Jefferson County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0891; FRL-8312-7] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2232. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas of Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Belmont County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0046; FRL-8312-8] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2233. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas